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Chad Fornoff, Executive Director
Executive Ethics Commission
401 South Spring Street
513 Wm. Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706


Re: Chief Procurement Officer for Higher Education's Request to Join in Conflict of Interest Exemption Proceeding for Thomas and Beth Bartolomucci and Hanson Professional Services, Inc.

Dear Director Fornoff:

I am writing to join in the March 20, 2012, request filed by the Chief Procurement Officer for General Services, Matt Brown, wherein he asks the Executive Ethics Commission to issue an exemption in accordance with Section 50-20 of the Illinois Procurement Code. The vendor at issue in CPO Brown's request, Hanson Professional Services, Inc., presently holds contracts with Northern Illinois and the University of Illinois. We are still searching and may find that some other universities have contracts with this vendor and will supplement this letter as necessary.

Please allow my office to join CPO Brown, with all the same rights and privileges as CPO Brown, in requesting that an exemption be granted.

Sincerely,



Ben Bagby
Chief Procurement Officer, Higher Education